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Dr. Martin Luther King Day celebrations set

Next Monday is the annual celebration of the influential life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The federal holiday is scheduled each year on the Monday closest to Dr. King's birthday, Jan. 15.

The idea of Martin Luther King Day 2023 as a holiday was promoted soon after his assassination in 1968. Following Dr. King's death, United States Representative, John Conyers, a democrat, and United State Senator Edward Brooke, a republican, introduced a bill in Congress to make Dr. King's birthday a national holiday.

The bill first came to a vote in the United States House of Representatives in 1979 and fell five votes short of the number needed. There were two main arguments mentioned by opponents, the first being that a paid holiday for federal employees would be too expensive and, secondly, that a holiday to honor the birth of a private citizen who had never held public office) would be contrary to the longstanding tradition.

The effort received more publicity shortly after the failure of the bill when in September of 1979, stevie Wonder released a song called "Happy Birthday" meant to make a case for the holiday. Additionally, six million signatures were collected on a petition in favor of the law.

In 1981, when President Ronald Reagan came into office, he originally opposed the holiday as did North Carolina senators Jesse Helms and John Porter East, both republicans. Each questioned whether King was important enough to receive such an honor and criticized Dr. King's opposition to the Vietnam War.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers "I Have a Dream" speech at the March on Washington, Aug. 28, 1963.

Despite the opposition, Reagen signed a bill on Nov. 2, 1983 proposed by Representative Katie Hall of Indiana, to create a federal holiday honoring Dr. King. The bill was approved in the House of Representatives and was observed for the first time on Jan. 20, 1986. Initially, some states resisted observing the holiday and it was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2020.

Canton Township and the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are coming together to present "It Starts With Me," a special Martin Luther King Day celebration to honor Dr. King's life and legacy and reflect on ways to continue to cultivate a beloved community.

This special event will take place at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for event participants to explore the Student Art Gallery and participate in hands-on art projects. The main stage program is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m., with welcomes presented by Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak and Plymouth Canton Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Monica Merritt. The program, which is also presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage, will include student performances, as well as professional musical entertainment.

No tickets are required for this free general admission event. For additional information, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

The City of Romulus, the Romulus Ministerial Alliance and the Romulus Community Schools will honor Dr. King with a morning march and presentation at the auditorium at Romulus High School. The Monday celebration will begin with a Community March from Romulus Middle School at 37300 Wick Road to the high school at 9650 Wayne Road. Shuttle service will be provided from the high school to the middle school from 7 a.m. until 7:45 a.m.

Marchers will travel down Wick Road east to Tobine Road, heading south beginning at 8 a.m.

Coffee and donuts will be served in the Romulus High School lobby from 8:30 until 9:30 a.m. sponsored by the Romulus Rotary Club.

At 10 a.m. the Martin Luther King ceremony will begin in the high school auditorium with keynote speaker Sen. Erika Geiss.

For more information, contact committee chairman the Rev. Arthur Willis at (313)701-2423 or City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg at (734) 837-8898.

In Westland, the day will be commemorated with a Remembrance Walk followed by the official city ceremony.

Walkers will march from Westland City Hall starting at 9 a.m. and will be followed by the ceremony designed to express the impact Dr. King had on the city and individuals in the Grand Ballroom at 10 a.m.

The march and program, organizers said, is designed to explain what Dr. King's message means to the community and to help inspire people to continue with his message and "help make the world a more inclusive and righteous place for us and our children."

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

In addition to the traditional celebration and remembrance of civil right leader and activist Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. set for next Monday, Romulus residents are being asked to help those less fortunate in the community keep warm this winter.

Winter coats, gloves, socks, hats and cold weather accessories will be collected from participants following the march to Romulus High School Jan. 16.

Items will be collected and provided to the less fortunate in the community, noted Rachel Funderburg. For more information, contact her at annualcoatandmittens@gmail.com.

Romulus

Centennial

Library will mark century of service to community

Things have certainly changed at the Romulus Library during the past century of service to the community.

The library will mark 100 years in the community this year and multiple celebrations and programs are planning to mark the anniversary, according to Library Director Patty Braden.

The Romulus Library Center opened on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 1923 and was initially housed inside O.H. Raether's Confectionery store in downtown Romulus. The library opened with a collection of only 204 books, Braden said.

According to a history of the facility compiled by Diane Hazen, a member of the Romulus Historical Society, the owner of the store agreed to manage the library for $3 a month, if the community would furnish bookshelves.

Officials of Romulus Township, as the community was known then, opened the facility with a $20 annual budget, with other costs paid by Wayne County. By 1924, Raether's payment was increased to $5 for month due to the number of books used at the Romulus Library Center.

By 1930, the library had 580 books and in 1938 had an annual circulation of 6,633. As patronage and use continued to increase, the library was housed in township hall and then on Goddard Road under the direction of first Librarian Marion Morris. By 1951, the library had again doubled in size and again needed larger quarters.

That growth in service has continued during the past century and today, the library offers thousands of books and media in all formats and serves more than 40,000 residents.

"Throughout the years, the library has remained a cornerstone in the community, providing educational and entertainment resources and a gathering place for Romulus and Huron Township residents of all ages," Braden said.

Celebrations will include a community-wide scavenger hunt, special programs for all ages, and a Centennial Celebration in the fall."We can't wait to see you all throughout the year to celebrate this amazing milestone. Happy 100 years," Braden concluded.

Snowflake hunt is under way

Romulus residents have until Feb. 6 to find at least half of the 12 snowflakes hidden at downtown locations to be registered in a city-sponsored raffle.

Clues are available to help find the snowflakes and write down the identifying number in the box on the corresponding entry form to prove they have been found. Those who submit at least half the numbers will be entered into the raffle. Three winners will be chosen on Feb. 8, officials said.

Entries should be submitted to Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road. A photo of the entry can be submitted on social media, officials said. Official entry forms are available at the Community Development Office at city hall and information is available on the official city Facebook site.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 12, 2022
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused:
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Julie Albert - Director of Assessing & Financial Services

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #22-301** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Nays - None Abstain - Roscoe, Webb **Motion Carried**
   - B. **Res. #22-302** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   Res. #22-303 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Ernest Monroe. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - A. **Presentation**: Affordable Connectivity Program Presenter: Jeremy Streeter - Maxsip Telecom **(No action is required/requested)**
     Jeremy Streeter of Maxsip Telecom presented a PowerPoint on the Affordable Connectivity Program and how it can benefit the residents.
   - B. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - A. **Res. #22-304** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and adopt the Resolution for the City of Romulus Poverty Exemption for 2023 to be used by the Board of Review. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #22-305** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the Administration to waive the bidding for the design, print, and mailing of the City of Romulus quarterly newsletter. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - C. **Res. #22-306** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement with Van Buren Township to provide water service to 13164 Hannan Road, with acknowledgment from Van Buren Township that they will become our water services customer. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - D. **Res. #22-307** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Omnia Partners Public Sector Contract #R180902 for the purchase of Duro-Last roof to be installed at City Hall by MW Morss Roofing Inc. for a total cost of $88,900.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #22-308** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the recom mendation of the Executive Advisory Committee and reappoint Shirley Lamberson and Debra Hoffman to the Romulus Board of Review with terms to commence on January 1, 2023, and expire on December 31, 2024. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** 2023 Meeting Schedules
     - Romulus City Council
     - Cemetery Board of Trustees
     - Planning Commission
     - Downtown Development Authority
     - Tax Increment Finance Authority
     - Romulus Board of Review
     - Romulus Library Board
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment** - None
9. **Unfinished Business** - None
10. **New Business** - None
11. **Warrant**
    - A. **Res. #22-308** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 22-23 for checks presented in the amount of $1,217,355.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
12. **Communication** - *Please see the Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes*
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 12, 2022.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 27, 2022
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused:
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Kathy Hood - Assistant DPW Director

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #22-309** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #22-310** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Local Street Presentation of status and the Special Meeting - Executive Session held on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss an attorney's opinion. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
3. **Petitioner**
   - A. **Petition**: MLK Day Community March - Road Closure Request **Petitioner**: Rev. Arthur Willis
     Rev. Arthur Willis presented his request for the annual MLK Day Community Event and road closures.
     Res. #22-311 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the no-fee permit for the 2023 Annual MLK Day Community March on January 16, 2023, and road closure request for the march route of Wick Rd (east), beginning at the Romulus Middle School, to Tobine Rd (south) ending at the Romulus High School. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Petition:** Request for speed bump installation and enforcement of no commercial vehicle posting
     Petitioner: Franklin Schaudt *(See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes)*
     No action was taken by the City Council.
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - A. **Res. #22-312** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and approve the reappointment of Daniel McAnally and James Crova to the Planning Commission for three (3) year terms that will expire on January 31, 2026. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #22-313** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Sourcewell contract #030321-KON-Marco for the purchase of one (1) HP PageWide XL 4200mfp Color InkJet Digital Print System (4VW13A) along with an 18-month all-inclusive maintenance program, including delivery and installation, for a total cost of $22,511.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - C. **Res. #22-314** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration to waive the bidding process for the demolition of the former Alert Glass building at 35425 Ecorse and authorize VanAssche Construction to complete the demolition and site clean-up in the amount of $23,925.00 as part of the Wayne/Ecorse intersection project. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - D. **Res. #22-315** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 22/23-07 for three years emergency on-call repairs on an as-needed basis for the City's sewer and water system and for the removal and replacement of lead water service lines, to both Eminent Excavating LLC and Major Contracting Group at the rates each reflected in their respective bids.
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays -Williams
     Motion Carried
   - E. **Res. #22-316** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and award ITB 22/23-09 to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder, Great Lakes Power and Lighting, for emergency, "on-call" and "as-needed" electrical services for the City of Romulus, Department of Public Works, at the hourly rates, material, and equipment pricing submitted along with their bid for a three-year term to end December 31, 2025.
     Motion Carried Unanimously
   - F. **Res. #22-317** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the two-year fixed price contract to the lowest most responsive bidder, Suburban Calcium Chloride Sales, Inc., for dust control for the City's unpaved local streets and parks through the conclusion of 2024, on an as-needed basis, at a cost of $0.28/gallon. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - G. **Res. #22-318** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 22/23-10 to recognize a budget amendment for extension of RFP 20/21-04 Council Chamber AV System Improvement.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Cable Fund Balance				
211-000.393.211	Peg Fees Restricted Fund Equity	$1,066,717.63	$(81,500.00)	$985,217.63
Expense				
211-000-970.000	Capital Outlay	$14,500.00	$81,500.00	$96,000.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #22-319** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the audit ending fiscal year June 30, 2022. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #22-320** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, January 23, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. for the presentation of Future IQ's final report findings and recommendations from the City Visioning Project. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - C. **Res. #22-321** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, February 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of design details for the proposed Veteran's Memorial Park located on the site of the Peter C. Bird House and alternative details to restore the former Veteran's Memorial Monument on the City Municipal Complex. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
     Clerk Bragg read an appreciation email from a resident.
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment** - None
9. **Unfinished Business** - None
10. **New Business** - None
11. **Warrant**
    - A. **Res. #22-322** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 22-24 for checks presented in the amount of $1,531,625.40. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
    - B. **Res. #22-323** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve Warrant#: 22-24-1 34th District Court, for checks presented in the amount of $357,936.82.
      Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - Abdo, Williams
      Motion Carried
12. **Communication** - *Please see the Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes*
    Res. #22-324 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a memorial resolution for the families of Teresa Sudduth and Leonia Austin. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
    Res. #22-325 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Leonardo Joe Liparoto. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Virginia Williams to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 27, 2022.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
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Board awards school superintendent high marks

Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Pete Kudlak has been given a top performance rating by members of the district board of education.

Members of the board, including President Amy Pearce, Vice President Susan Featheringill, Treasurer Simone Pinter, Secretary Darlene Loyer Gerick and trustees Kelly Own, Calvin Hawkins and Dionne Falconer, approved the "Highly Effective" rating for Kudlak during the Dec. 5 meeting. The rating was based on Kudlak's performance from January through December of 2022.

Kudlak's employment contract with the district was extended until June 30, 2028 and board members agreed to increase his current $159,000 annual salary to $165,000, beginning in July of this year.

The five-year extension follows Kudlak's original three-year contract which included provisions for one-year extensions, which the board members have approved consistently during his tenure. He also received the highest possible rating from the board members in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Kudlak earned his Master of Arts degree from Eastern Michigan University and served as assistant superintendent of the Milan Area School District and as a principal in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools prior to accepting the superintendent position in Van Buren, according to his website.

Inkster man accused of multiple child pornography crimes

An Inkster man is accused of knowingly enticing young children to send him sexually explicit images on a website.

Dimon Leon England is also accused of producing, receiving, or possessing child pornography that had been mailed, shipped, or transported in interstate commerce by computer or any means. A criminal complaint was filed against England last month alleging that England enticed a fifth-grade, 10-year-old girl and other children to send him nude images and videos in exchange for video game currency.

According to the complaint, investigators interviewed the 10-year-old Maryland girl last summer about a person she interacted with on Snapchat. The child admitted sending nude photos to a man she believed was older. She said he promised her Robux, an in-game currency for the Roblox video game, if she sent the sexually explicit photos. She said she told the person she was only 10 during the exchange. She sent him multiple photos and sexual videos, she told investigators.

She never received any money or other compensation for the photos, she told investigators, and on the advice of a friend blocked the account and sent the man's user name to a family member. The family member contacted police and the Snapchat username was traced back to England, according to the court complaint.

> *Several of the images found on England's account meet the federal definition of child pornography,*

Screenshots of an Amazon account listing Roblox gift cards were found, and officials believe the cards were sent to "numerous Snapchat accounts" in exchange for sexual pictures and videos.

Several of the images found on England's account meet the federal definition of child pornography, the criminal complaint says and he admitted to having about 50 child pornography images, some including minors with other people or objects. He also admitted, officials said, to swapping the images with other people.

The complaint alleges that England knowingly persuaded, induced, enticed, or coerced people under the age of 18 to engage in sexual activity that can result in a criminal charge.

He is also accused of producing, receiving, or possessing child pornography that had been mailed, shipped, or transported in interstate commerce by computer or any means.

Police vehicle installation OK'd

Sumpter Township police officials and officers anticipate another long wait for the two new Ford Police Interceptor utility vehicles ordered more than a year ago.

While the vehicles are expected to be available this week, installation of the necessary radio and other police equipment could require another 12-week delay in having the new vehicles in service in the township, explained Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke at a recent meeting of the board of trustees.

The vehicles were first ordered more than a year ago but delivery was delayed due to a delay in part availability caused by the COVID pandemic.

Members of the board of trustees approved Luke's request for the installation of the necessary equipment in the vehicles to be performed by Herkimer Radio Service of Monroe.

Cost of the installation was estimated at $18,667.

Luke explained that the equipment and radio installation could take as long as 12 weeks, also due to supply chain issues for parts due to the effects of the pandemic.

The cost of the installation will be funded by the police forfeiture funds.

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Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:45 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren, Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, and Oddy. Trustee Morgan excused. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, DPW Director Danci, and 8 attendees.

3. **Agenda:** Motion by Oddy, supported by Warren to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. **Public Comment/Open Floor:** One (1) attendee spoke.

5. **Minutes:** Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. **Warrants:** Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve warrants totaling $546,006.58. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. **Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Bowman advised that the fairgrounds project was moving along with Banotai Park plans also moving. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to accept the Supervisor's Report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. **Attorney's Report:** Attorney Young advised he will email his report to Clerk's office. Also, blight enforcement has been up and many marijuana businesses going out of business around the state. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to accept the Attorney's Report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. **Police/Ordinance Report:** Chief Luke gave his statistical report and added comments that in future planning staffing will be an issue for police and fire due to the increased population in the township. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to accept the Police/Ordinance Report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. Building Report: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to receive and file the Building Report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. **Fire Report:** Chief Brown gave a statistical report. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to accept the Fire Report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. **Department of Public Works Report:** Danci reported he is obtaining bids and specs for future water projects. Approximately $185,000 for grass cutter for corners, reminded residents to look for E on the water bills, make sure the water meter is in a heated area, and fixed old equipment to cut corner brush areas for now. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Department of Public Works Report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

13. **Board Response:** Trustee Oddy would like to see a DTE evaluation in Sumpter Township.

14. **New Business:**

- **A.** Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to adopt the amended and finalized contract between Sumpter Township and Great Lakes Water Authority to begin July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- **B.** Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the WCA contract effective November 1, 2022, through October 31, 2026. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Warren, Rush, and Oddy. Nay: LaPorte. Motion carried.
- **C.** Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the Township being closed from December 23, 2022, through January 2, 2023, with AFSCME employees using PTO or vacation time and the floating holiday. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor: Nay: None. Motion carried.
- **D.** Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to begin pursuing bids for the Sumpter Township Fairgrounds project(s). Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- **E.** Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to table appointing a committee to assess the additional WCA proposals of Sumpter Sketching and Sumpter Tax Maps until a third member is named due to Trustee Morgan declining the appointment. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- **F.** Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve D. Haydniak to attend MAMC fall conference from November 29, 2022, through December 1, 2022, at a cost not to exceed $950.00. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

15. **Announcements:** River of Life Church having Harvest Fest on October 15, 2022, from 3-6 pm.

16. Motion by Oddy, supported by Warren to go into Closed Session at 7:28 pm for an update on AFSCME Contract. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

17. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to return to the regular board meeting at 8:27 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

18. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to instruct the attorney to proceed as directed. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

19. Adjournment. Motion by Rush, supported by Warren to adjourn at 8:28 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Hurst at 6:44 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren, Trustees: LaPorte, Morgan, Oddy, and Rush. Supervisor Bowman excused. Also showing present: Township Manager Anthony Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, Water Superintendent Danci and 8 attendees.

Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to have Trustee Rush chair the meeting. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

3. **Agenda:** Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Agenda with the following additions: Table items: D, H, I and J. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. **Public Comment:** Three (3) attendees spoke.

5. **Minutes:** Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2022 with correction on the motion to adjourn to reflect Warren supported. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. **Warrants:** Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve warrants totaling $415,272.03. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. **Parks & Recreation Report:** Manager Burdick reported that volunteers are welcome back, they have a tentative 2023 events schedule. Discussion on grants from Wayne County, suggestion to move forward for a LED lighting grant. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. **Water & Sewer Report:** Treasurer Warren called on Superintendent Danci to speak. Danci reported flushing of hydrants has started using a numbering system, not flags. And approximately $17,000 collected in delinquent water before applying to tax. Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Warren stated his report was in the office for anyone to see. He thanked everyone for allowing him to serve the Township in the Treasurer capacity. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. **Planning & Zoning Report:** Oddy reported that the planning commission is looking at 3 different ordinances for refining purposes and that a ZBA meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2022. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. **Senior's Report:** Clerk Hurst reminded everyone of the Vendor Market being held on October 28-29, 2022 at the community center. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. **Board Response:** Rush stated that it has been a pleasure working with Vincent Warren for a couple of years. Oddy stated that a recent letter in the local newspaper was full of misinformation and false statements. Stated Treasurer never gives a report and is never in the board packet. False statement. Paper printed knowing it was false. The letter stated $177,000 was misspent on fairgrounds. False. The fairgrounds were deemed dangerous and unsafe was the reason for demolition. Bids went out. Also, $144,000 was spent on township hall restrooms with no bid. This was deemed an emergency, with no restrooms available.

13. **Unfinished Business:**

- **A.** Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to remove from the agenda approval to appoint Trustees Oddy, Morgan, and Rush as a Review Committee to assess the additional WCA proposals of Sumpter Sketching and Sumpter Tax Maps. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

14. **New Business:**

- **A.** Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to accept the resignation of probationary firefighter Taylor Smith, with regrets. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- **B.** Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the 2nd quarter 2022 budget amendments. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- **C.** Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte for approval of the 2nd quarter, 2022 summary financial statements for posting and distribution. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- **D.** TABLE.
- **E.** Motion by Warren, supported by Oddy to approve Resolution #2022-10 to join the Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus in support of the Sumpter Township Investment Strategy. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- **F.** Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy for approval to initiate the Preferred Vendor Program. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- **G.** Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the proposal submitted by Hennessey Engineers to complete the required Michigan 5-year Water Reliability Study due for 2023 at a cost of $26,000.00. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- **H.** TABLE.
- **I.** TABLE.
- **J.** TABLE.

15. **Announcements:** LaPorte thanked Treasurer Warren for a fantastic job, stating that Warren is a good person. Attorney Young thanked Treasurer Warren, stating that Warren is a nice person and good family man. Morgan wished everyone a Happy Halloween. Resident Ban thanked Treasurer Warren and hoped to see him at future meetings. Also, bible study is ongoing at the Senior center. Studying Ezekiel now.

16. **Closed session:** Under MCL 15.268(h) to consider attorney-client privileged material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal law; Update on AFSCME & COAM contracts. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to move into closed session at 7:27 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to rejoin the open meeting at 7:55 pm from closed session. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to direct the Township Attorney to address and take recommended action on the issues discussed in the closed session. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

16. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to adjourn at 7:56 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

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Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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Canton - Plymouth

Speaking up

Plymouth Township Police Chief James H. Knittel, Jr. was the featured speaker last week at the regular noon meeting of the Plymouth Rotary Club members. Knittel explained the importance of state accreditation which was recently awarded for the first time to the Plymouth Township Police Department. Knittel discussed the benefits of acknowledging the standard procedures and policies of police and community interaction and the extensive criteria demanded for accreditation. He was introduced to the club members by Plymouth Township Trustee John Stewart and Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous joined the audience for Knittel's talk and provided some closing remarks.

Photography exhibit set at Cherry Hill gallery

Works of members of the Ann Arbor Camera Club will be on display at The Gallery at the Cherry Hill through Jan. 29.

The collaborative exhibit, entitled "Collective Expressions in Photography," is an open-topic exhibit representing the photographic artistry of several members of the Ann Arbor Camera Club and provides a variety of work regularly produced by their members. Ann Arbor Camera Club members believe that "photography is great art with opportunities for realism, experimentation, drama and simplistic form," according to a prepared release.

Exhibit artists include: Terrance Alexander, Gerri Barr, Howard Bond, Raul Campos, Regina Carriere, Pat Conner, Tom Egel, Lori Franzen, Larry Hoxey, Tim Kellman, John Lloyd, Keith Matz, Ann O'Hagan, David Patria, William Serrell, Scott Strodtman, James Whiteside, and Mary Whiteside.

Founded in 1956, the Ann Arbor Camera Club includes members from southeastern Michigan and range in experience from beginners to professional exhibitors. All types of photographers are represented in the club (landscape, portrait, wildlife, street, sports, macro, and more), as are all types of photographs (digital, film, color, black and white, and large format).

Semi-monthly meetings of the Ann Arbor Camera Club include members, prospective members, guests, and visitors, and take place beginning at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month from September through June.

The group meets at the Zion Lutheran Church, located at 1501 West Liberty in Ann Arbor. Additional information about the Ann Arbor Camera Club can be found at https://AnnArborCameraClub.org.

This special art exhibit at The Gallery at Cherry Hill is free and open to the public during gallery hours from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, from 4 until 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, during all public performances or by special appointment arranged via email to elli.fassois@cantonmi.gov.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, MI, 48187. For more information about this latest exhibition, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Warehouse project on DeHoCo property approved

Following the example of both Kroger and Amazon, a third company is planning to construct three new warehouse facilities in Plymouth Township.

The warehouse plans include one large building at 670,000 square feet and two at 150,000 square feet on the 190-acre site at the former site of the Detroit House of Corrections (DeHoCo) at Five Mile and Napier roads.

Jones Development presented the plans to members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees at a recent meeting.

The property is still owned by the City of Detroit and is included in the Michigan International Technology Center project, , a cooperative effort between Plymouth and Northville townships.

The property is currently valued at $6.75 million and a representative of the developer told the trustees the sale should be final during the first quarter of this year. No tenants were identified in the presentation which will be built on build-to-suit marketing efforts, the representative said. He indicated that the developer hoped to have a tenant when construction was complete. He told the board members that Jones Development management was confident that all the buildings could be leased quickly.

He added that the buildings could be divided into smaller spaces for potential clients and that Jones would be cooperative with potential tenants needs. The wetlands on the property will not be disturbed by the construction and both the Michigan Department of Environment and Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) officials are aware of the plans.

The plan, previously approved by members of the township planning commission, was unanimously approved by members of the board.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, February 1, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold the following public hearings at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2023** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petitions:

1. BZA-2022-007; **Campbell Fence Variance**, requesting a variance from Section 3.05(a)(2), Fences of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a fence to extend into the front yard beyond the building line on the Oakdale frontage. The subject property is zoned R1-B, Single Family Residential and is located at 15508 Harrison Road (DP# 80-142-01-0213-000).
2. BZA-2023-001; **Amazon DTW1 Fulfillment Dolly Pad Variance**, requesting a variance from Section 11.17(b)(9) Accessory - Outdoor Storage of the Zoning Ordinance to waive the requirement of a minimum (10)-foot concrete apron (dolly pad) to accommodate the trailer landing gear. The subject property is zoned Conditionally M-1, Light Industrial and is located at 32801 Ecorse Road (Parcel ID # 80-038-99-0001-700).

Copies of the applications are available for review at the Department of Public Services during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 2, 2023 for the following:

JOY ROAD WATER MAIN LOOP AND PRV REMOVALS

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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NORTHVILLE

Tickets for 'The Light' at Tipping Point Theater available

Tipping Point Theatre will present the Michigan premiere of Loy A. Webb's The Light beginning at 8 p.m. Jan. 26.

The production will be under the direction of Carollette Phillips and continues the 15th theatrical season of the Northville theater.

Not every marriage proposal goes as planned. The Light introduces audiences to Rashad and Genesis on what should be one of the happiest days of their lives, but their joy quickly unravels when ground-shifting accusations from the past resurface in this two-character drama. Can their relationship survive the growing divide between them over who-and what-to believe?

The Light is a real-time roller-coaster ride of laughter, romance, and reckoning that peels away the layers of truth, doubt, pain, and ultimately the power of love, Phillips said.

"Live theatre is my first love as an artist," Phillips added. "There is nothing quite as exciting as being in the 'room where it happens,' which is one of the main reasons why I wanted to serve as the director for this production of The Light. The audience gets to be a fly-on-the-wall as a loving couple grapples with an unexpected bump on the road to their wedding engagement. Webb's masterfully crafted play is a fun, real, beautifully painful window into the lives of Genesis and Rashad, two people who love each other very much. However, just because you love someone doesn't mean you always agree with them or understand their perspective," she said.

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The Light premiered off-Broadway at the Robert W. Wilson Theater in 2019, with The New York Times calling it "an unexpected mix of #MeToo and rom-com," and nodded at Webb's ability to "write great lines and great one-liners."

Tipping Point Theater will host a very special opening night pre-glow reception beginning at 5 p.m. preceding the 6 p.m. performance on Saturday, Jan. 28. The event is open to ticket holders for the Jan. 28 performance and light refreshments will be served.

Following these performances, the season continues with Robert Harling's modern classic Steel Magnolias, and concludes with the world premiere of the Tracy L. Spada comedy Game. Set. Match!

Tickets for The Light range from $28 to $48 depending on performance date and seating location and are now available for purchase by visiting www.tippingpointtheatre.com. Discounts for seniors (62 and over), military and students are also available at the Box Office window located inside Tipping Point Theatre at 361 East Cady St., Northville, MI 48167. Discounts for groups of 15+ are available for purchase by calling the Box Office at (248)347-0003 or at the Box Office window.

Hopeful season

Members of the Northville Township Police Department celebrated another successful Hope for the Holidays program in the community. A department spokesperson said the officers were grateful and thanks all the community members who donated items to the effort. The contributions made the holiday season brighter for local families, he added. "As always, we thank you, our generous community, for thinking of others," he added.

Traffic study input is sought

Northville residents still have time to suggest traffic improvements or changes to current routes as part of the Northville Pedestrian and Traffic Study.

Residents and interested individuals can access an online, interactive tool developed by the city traffic engineering consultants.

Responders are urged to detail where they would like to see enhancements and where there are potential issues for pedestrians and drivers. The survey takes only a few minutes to complete, officials said. View the online tool at: https://tinyurl.com/mscss6nt.

The consultants, Fleis and Vandenbrink with support from MKSK, and the Mobility Task Force, a volunteer group of engaged citizens, are monitoring the posted information. A summary of findings from comments received will be developed after the initial survey period ends on Jan. 21, according to a statement from the city.

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Garden Club meeting set Feb. 1

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville have scheduled meetings through next spring at Plymouth First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

Meetings will begin at 11 a.m., refreshments will be served and speakers will follow at 11:30 a.m.

The Feb. 1 program will be a workshop about terrariums with speaker Rachel Nisch from Graye's Greenhouse. There is a $10 fee for this meeting only.

Sue Grubba will discuss Shady Characters at the March 1 meeting and Carrie Spencer will talk about Those Darn Squirrels at the April 12 meeting.

Plymouth First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

Meetings are scheduled for the Garden Room.

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 7:25 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for Tyrone Borden who passed away on September 13, 2022.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren, Trustees: LaPorte, Morgan, Oddy, and Rush. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, and 10 attendees.

3. **Agenda:** Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Agenda with the following additions:
Change to Item D Consider directing the HR Committee to review moving the part-time Treasury Department Clerk to full-time for the purpose of performing Accounts Payable duties.
Add Item E. Consider publishing of newsletter by the newsletter committee with Anthony Burdick for fall delivery.
Add Item F. Consider allowing the Treasurer's office clerk to work additional hours for less than 90 days to perform accounts payable duties as approved by the union, remaining a part-time employee.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. **Public Comment:** Three (3) attendees spoke.

5. **Minutes:** Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. **Warrants:** Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve warrants totaling $255,893.15. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7-11. Reports. Motion by Bowman, supported by Rush to receive and file all reports. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. **Board Response:** Oddy stated ARPA funds were given to Sumpter to spend, not return or not accept. Morgan asked about candy check by the police department and was informed police department would not be checking candy; advised parents to check their children's candy at home.

13. **Unfinished Business:**

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve the proposal submitted by CTI to replace/upgrade the PEG Video System for a total cost of $67,050.00 and an associated (4) year service agreement at a separate total cost of $15,090.56. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Rush, Hurst, Oddy, Warren. Nay: Morgan, LaPorte. Motion carried.

14. **New Business:**

A. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve the amended agreement with Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve giving out treats to children on Halloween, Monday, October 31, 2022, at each office in the Township Hall, with full-size candy bars from A. Burdick. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan for the Sumpter Township Fire Department to hold an open house on Saturday, October 15, 2022, from noon to 3:00 PM. P. Morgan will try for donuts. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by Warren to direct the HR Committee to review moving the part-time treasury department clerk to full-time for the purpose of performing accounts payable duties. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to publishing of newsletter by the newsletter committee with Anthony Burdick for fall delivery. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to allow the Treasurer's office clerk to work additional hours for less than 90 days to perform accounts payable duties as approved by the union, remaining a part-time employee. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Warren, LaPorte, Oddy, and Rush. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried

15. Announcements: Clerk Hurst announced a vendor market will be held on October 28 and 29 in the gym 9:00 am-4:00 pm, tables are $10 each. If interested call Maryann Watson at 461-9373. Socks are being collected in the month of October for the needy. Senior trip to the Lions game on December 4, 2022.

16. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 7:47 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk _____ Date _____

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor _____ Date _____

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Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 22, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:57 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: LaPorte, Morgan, Oddy, and Rush. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, water superintendent Danci and 17 attendees.

3. **Agenda:** Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Agenda with the following additions:
Remove D under unfinished business and addition of Item O. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. **Public Comment:** Three (3) attendees spoke.

5. **Minutes:** Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2022; accept the ZBA meeting minutes of August 25, 2022 and accept the planning commission meeting minutes of August 11, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. **Warrants:** Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve warrants totaling $337,148.02. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7-17. Reports. Motion by Bowman, supported by Rush to receive and file all reports. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

18. **Board Response:** Rush wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels.

19. **Unfinished Business:**

A. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to name and re-appoint an HR committee to access personnel-related needs, and policies and provide recommendations to the Township Manager and Board of Trustees; members are Rush, LaPorte, and Burdick. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to add item B back to agenda due to confusion on approving agenda. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Patterson, Rush, Oddy, and LaPorte. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve Hoppe Design proposal and agreement to prepare a design and master plan for Banota Park/Sherwood Pond at a cost of $28,000, with the Township Attorney's approval of the agreement. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Patterson, Rush, Laporte. Nay: Oddy, Morgan. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to accept an offer from Gerald Weiss in the amount of $3,500.00 for the township-owned vacant property located at 19745 Sumpter Road, 0.202 acres, Parcel #81-038-01-0005-01 and direct the township attorney to draft a purchase agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Patterson, supported by Morgan to remove this item.

20. **New Business:**

A. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to open the Treasurer's office on Tuesday, December 27th for the designated winter tax collection day as required by law. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

B. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to appoint Vincent Warren to the Planning Commission with a term to expire 09/23/2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte to appoint Joe Jackson to the ZBA with a term to expire 01/13/2024. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Sumpter Township Board meeting dates for 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the Sumpter Township Planning Commission meeting dates for 2023 with a 6:00 pm start time. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to re-appoint Board of Review members: Paul Armstrong, Helen Teall, Sandi Armstrong with Vincent Warren and Karen Woodington as alternate members beginning 01/01/2023 and expiring 12/31/2024. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Hurst, supported by Morgan to extend the part-time DPW seasonal employee an additional 90 days with union approval. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve the purchase of water/sewer materials from Core & Main for a total of $8,342.44. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

I. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to contract with Advanced Underground Inspection to video all township gravity sewer mains at a cost of $14,250.00. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

J. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve Resolution #2022-12, Wayne County Annual Permits(s) A-23044, A-23099, and A-23133 for 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

K. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to approve the request to outfit two new Ford police interceptor utilities through Herkimer Radio at an estimated total cost of $18,667 ($9,333/each), paid out of forfeiture funds. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

L. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the purchase offer for 14.62 acres on Martinsville Road, Parcel #81-136-99-0012-000 for $95,000.00 with attorney approval. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

M. N. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to reject both offers and invite both parties to re-submit last and best offer by 12/06/2022, secured by Moving the Mitten Real Estate. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Patterson, Hurst, Morgan, Rush, and Oddy. LaPorte abstained. Nay: None. Motion carried.

O. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve the AFSCME union contract good until 2026. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

21. Announcements: Supervisor Bowman spoke of the kids Christmas gift card giveaway, on December 14, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Kids must register and be 12 and younger.

22. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 7:30 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk _____ Date _____

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor _____ Date _____

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Wayne - Westland

Suspect in multiple homicides is captured in Wayne

A suspect in several homicides was arrested in Wayne by Michigan State Police last Saturday, according to police reports.

The 34-year-old suspect was seen in Inkster on Friday at 7:15 p.m., according to police reports when troopers attempted a traffic stop of the suspect as he was driving a 2017 Chrysler 200. The individual believed to be connected to several homicides failed to stop when ordered to pull over by troopers. That failure escalated into a vehicle pursuit, according to reports, and eventually the suspect ran from his vehicle prompting a foot chase.

The Michigan State Police K-9 unit were called and "officer Koma" was used to track the suspect who was eventually located hiding under a lawn chair at an address near Howe Road and Annapolis Street in the City of Wayne.

The suspect was immediately taken into custody, according to police reports.

"We will continue to work with county and local police to focus on these dangerous criminals in order to improve the quality of life in the city of Inkster," "stated Michigan State Police Lt. Mike Shaw.

State grant is awarded to aid Eloise development

Plans for the redevelopment of the Eloise Psychiatric Hospital have been bolstered by a $695,000 grant from EGLE (State Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy).

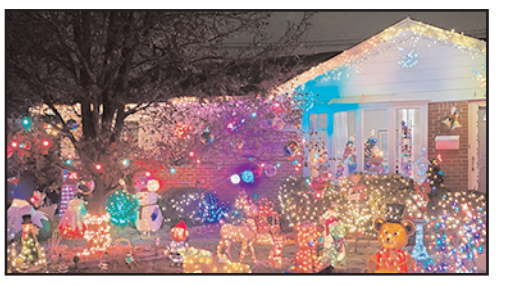
Plans for the redevelopment at the former psychiatric hospital have been under way since John Hambrick, managing member of 30712 Michigan Avenue LLC, purchased the site from Wayne County for $1 in 2018. The city of Westland has partnered with Hambrick's development company to redevelop the site as part of a multi-phase project. When complete, according to plans for the development, new commercial establishments, a hotel and a restaurant bar will join the preserved historic buildings and the haunted attraction at the site. Total development costs are estimated at more than $4 million and the first phase of development could be complete in 2026.

The development will be completed in phases and will include the preservation of two historic buildings on the property while other structures at the site, including the former bakery and power plant, will be removed.

The recently awarded state grant is designated as funding for brownfield remediation of contaminated soil at the site, according to a prepared statement from the state office. Petroleum-related compounds apparently leached into the soil from underground storage tanks, according to the prepared statement. The EGLE grant will fund the excavation, transport and disposal of the contaminated soil.

"We are very grateful to EGLE, the city of Westland and the State of Michigan for this grant. It will assist us in the redevelopment of this challenging project," noted Hambrick. Westland officials have said in the past that another economic benefit of the project will be the drawing power of the development which could spur more traffic and attention in the area.

The property was operated as a psychiatric hospital until 1979 and then as Wayne County General Hospital until 1984. The property was completely self-reliant and at one time served 10,000 patients and 2,000 employees with necessary utilities, farming, and service providers located in 75 buildings on the 900-acre site. Most of the buildings have been demolished although the remaining buildings, including the Kay Beard building, were the topic of a horror movie and remain an attraction for paranormal investigators.



Bright lights

Winners of the 2022 All American Holiday Decorating Contest in Westland included Jason Wright for Best Traditional Display; Matt Sutela for Most Creative Display and Randy and Kim Krause for Over-the-Top Display. Honorable mention winners were Ron and Debbie Alessandrini, Melinda Smitt, Joseph and Sharon Foy, Barbara Fiedler and George Thomas. Hassan Saab, Westland Neighborhood Services director acknowledged the winners of the annual competition during the regular meeting of the city council members earlier this month.

Charter Township of Northville
2023 Boards and Commissions' Meeting Schedule

Planning Commission

Submittal Deadline	Meeting Date*
December 23	January 31
January 23	February 28
February 13	March 21*
March 20	April 25
April 17	May 23*
May 22	June 27
June 19	July 25
August 24	August 29
August 21	September 26
September 18	October 24*
No Meeting	November -No Meeting
October 30	December 5*

*PC meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm unless otherwise posted/noticed; submittal deadline is adhered to when a public hearing is required. Their meeting is located at the Northville Township Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Submittal Deadline	Meeting Date*
December 12	January 18
January 9	February 15
February 6	March 15
March 13	April 19
April 10	May 17
May 15	June 21
June 12	July 19
July 10	August 16
August 14	September 20
September 11	October 18
October 9	November 15
November 3	December 20

*ZBA meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm unless otherwise posted/noticed. Their meeting is located at the Northville Township Hall.

Historic District Commission

Meeting Date*
January 26
February 23
March 23
April 27
May 25
June 22
July 27
August 24
September 28
October 26
November- No Meeting
December 7*

*HDC meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm unless otherwise posted/noticed. Their meeting is located at the Northville Township Hall.

Board of Trustees

Meeting Date*
January 19
February 16
March 16
April 20
May 18
June 15
July 20
August 17
September 21
October 5 @ 6 p.m. *Budget Study Session
October 19
November 16
December 21

*BOT meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm unless otherwise posted/noticed. Their meeting is located at the Northville Township Hall.

Parks & Recreation

Meeting Date*
January 25
February - No Meeting
March 22
April - No Meeting
May 24
June - No Meeting
July 26
August - No Meeting
September 27
October - No Meeting
November 15*
December - No Meeting

*P&R meets the 4th Wednesday every other month at 6:30 pm unless otherwise posted/noticed. Their meeting is located at the Northville Township Hall.

Economic Development Corporation & Brownfield Re-Development Authority

Meeting Date*
March 27
September 25

EDC/BRA meets the last Monday of the month at 7:00 pm unless otherwise posted/noticed. Their meeting is located at the Northville Township Hall.

Beautification Commission

Meeting Date*
March 7
April 4
May 2
June 6
July 11*
August 1
September 5
October 3

*BC meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm unless otherwise posted/noticed. Their meeting is located at the Northville Township Hall.

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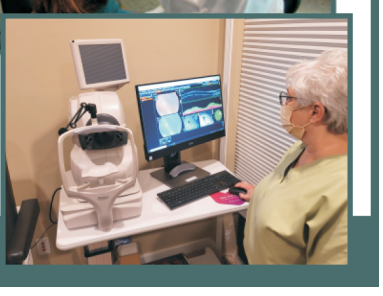

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